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## Democrats can still hope to change Nebraska to purple

*Obama carries Douglas County, but  
results too close to call for 2nd District*

**SCOTT STEWART**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Many voters learned in 2000 to be weary of states being called for a candidate before all the votes are in. This year, Nebraska voters are learning this lesson first-hand.

Although many major media outlets initially called all of Nebraska for Republican John McCain, Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District – and its one electoral vote – remains in play following the announcement of unofficial election results early Wednesday morning.

In the 2nd District, president-elect Barack Obama trails McCain by only 569 votes with thousands of last-minute absentee and provisional ballots remaining to be counted.

Absentee ballots cast Monday and Tuesday are expected to be counted by Friday, Dave Phipps, Douglas County election commissioner, said Wednesday afternoon. He estimated that there were "probably a couple thousand" absentee ballots remaining uncounted.

Provisional ballots will be counted by Nov. 13, Phipps said. He estimated another several thousand provisional ballots were cast and that perhaps half of them would be counted, depending on how many are found to be valid by election workers.

Phipps described provisional ballots as a fail-safe mechanism to ensure voters aren't disenfranchised. He said many provisional ballots were cast by people who moved within Douglas County but failed to reregister for their new polling places. Some were also cast by early voters who failed to submit their absentee ballots, either because they were lost, damaged or never received by the voter.

Nebraska and Maine are unique among the 50 states in allowing their votes in the Electoral College to be split between candidates, although it has yet to happen in either state. Democrats have hoped in recent presidential elections to turn Nebraska "purple," a combination of blue and red on national election maps.

Nebraska's five electoral votes are awarded by one vote going to the winner of each Congressional district and two votes going to the statewide winner. McCain secured four of those votes Tuesday, although McCain lost to Obama overall by a large margin in the Electoral College.

According to results from the McClatchy-Tribune Information Services, Obama received 364 electoral votes to McCain's 173 votes – those figures include North Carolina's projected 15 vote for Obama and Missouri's projected 11 votes for McCain, but does not include the 2nd District's lone electoral vote. Only 270 electoral votes were necessary for

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## NEBRASKANS FOR OBAMA



Creighton students David Dann (left) and Matt Karasek celebrate at the Democratic election party held at the Omaha Hilton. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)



Janice Foster holds her campaign sign proudly showing her support for Obama in north Omaha. (KIRBY KAUFMAN/THE GATEWAY)



Willie Hamilton, left, and Faith Smith urge cars to honk for Obama by word of megaphone Tuesday afternoon. (KIRBY KAUFMAN/THE GATEWAY)

For more photos from election day, see pages 5 and 8.

## Reactions mixed to Obama presidency

**MARK PATEL**  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

"Change has come to America" were the words of President-elect Barack Obama as he delivered his acceptance speech in front of thousands of supporters cheering "yes we can" in Chicago Tuesday night.

The election season that started almost two years ago has finally come to a close. A historically long election season ended with a comfortable victory in the Electoral College by the first black presidential candidate from one of the two major parties.

Obama will go into the White House with a cascade of momentum from the campaign, but he is faced with the daunting tasks of correcting a serious economic crisis, addressing the nation's two wars and staying true to the mammoth election promises he made.

Democrats have been disgruntled with the Bush administration for the last eight years and many rejoiced at

the notion of a democrat in the white house.

"It was just electric," said Trisha Clark, president of the College Democrats. "We got Obama in there and we made history."

Republicans came into election night with optimism, but realized they needed an upset.

"I am not surprised by the result," said Alex Beckwith, chairman of the College Republicans.

Many of Obama's opponents are skeptical of his hopeful message and doubt the amount of substantive change he can actually accomplish.

"I am very interested to see how much Obama will have to cut out of his official plan and see if he can actually deliver on the promises he made," Beckwith said.

While some Republicans will continue to oppose Obama and his agenda, many Obama supporters think it will be exciting to see his ideas on universal healthcare, education reform and the economy put into action, Clark

said.

One thing is for certain, however. The historic nature of the election with respect to race relations in the U.S.

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Concert-goers at the Slowdown watch Election Day coverage during the Stephen Malkmus and The Jicks show Tuesday night. (JOE SHEARER/THE GATEWAY)



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# Eating disorder event raises awareness

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With the responsibility of balancing the many roles college students have, life can become overwhelming and chaotic. As life is spiraling out of control, some find comfort in being able to control one thing: the food they eat.

Millions of men and women every year suffer from deadly eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa, bulimia and compulsive overeating. The diseases are especially common among young people.

On Tuesday in the Milo Bail Student Center Nebraska Room, the Women's Resource Center hosted "Dying to be Thin," an event to inform the public about eating disorders and to offer suggestions for getting help.

"Eating disorders arise from a variety of physical, emotional, social and familial issues - all of which need to be addressed," said Lori Young, director of the Women's Resource Center.

Through cultural influences such as fashion models and magazines, America has developed an unrealistic ideal for beauty, Young said.

"I think we have this unattainable goal that we cannot reach in body image and sometimes we resort to eating disorders to try and reach it," Young said.

Rachel Tomlinson Dick was diagnosed with anorexia nervosa and spoke about her ongoing struggle with the disease to an audience of approximately 60 students and faculty.

Tomlinson Dick said she grew up in a tense family environment and developed self-worth and body image issues.

"What really pushed it over the edge into a severe eating disorder [was] when I was 18, I was sexually raped," she said.

Eating disorders commonly occur alongside other emotional traumas.

"I've met so many young women who have had eating disorders and have been a victim of sexual rape or assault," Tomlinson Dick said. "I think the two things are very correlated."

Eating disorder problems are not just for women, though.

"Males who are preoccupied with shape and weight can also develop eating disorders, as well as dangerous shape control practices like steroid use," Young said.

Men also play an important role in providing a positive environment where the development of disorders can be stopped. Working to stop the objectification of women is an important part of preventing the basic causes of eating disorders: obsession with shape and shame about one's body, Young said.

Research shows that eating disorders start as early as third grade and can rear their ugly heads during times of transition in people's lives, such as moving to college, graduating and

## DYING TO BE THIN

An Eating Disorder Awareness Event



National Eating Disorder Association  
www.NationalEatingDisorder.org



Lori Young, director of the Women's Resource Center, speaks during Tuesday's event. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)

having relationship issues, said Marcia Adler, coordinator for Student Health Services.

It is important to bring up the topic of eating disorders, including with events like "Dying to be Thin," because it is a show of support to those who are struggling, Young said.

"If we don't talk about it," Young said, "it's harder for people to get better."

The Counseling Center and Student Health Services can help students develop a strategy to bring up the issue if a friend has a problem.

The best approach is to have personal one-on-one time with the friend to discuss concerns, Young said.

"In the end, they will thank you for bringing it up and having concern for them," Young said. "Above all else, impart that you care."

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## CAMPUS SHOOTING TRAINING OFFERED

SCOTT STEWART  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

University officials screened a 20-minute video training program for students on how to survive an active campus shooter, such as the ones at Northern Illinois University or Virginia Tech.

On Monday in the Milo Bail Student Center, around 50 students and more than a dozen faculty and staff members watched "Shots Fired," a video designed to give students something to think about to prepare in case gunshots ever break out on campus.

"It's not something to dwell on, but it's something to think about," said Wade Robinson, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs. "It's just to get people thinking."

Previous training sessions had been held on Oct. 20 for faculty and staff members. The video will be integrated with part of UNO employees' orientation program.

"We have read about and seen far too many examples of violence on college campuses, and Omaha experienced its own shooting episode at the Von Maur store less than a year ago," Bill Conley, vice chancellor for Business and Finance, said in a statement. "We offer this video to provide safety training on what to do in the event that something like this happened on the UNO campus."

Five video screenings were offered for university staff, and about 30 people attended each screening, estimated Paul Kosel, assistant manager of Campus Security. Kosel and Mary Sweaney, assistant director of Human Resources, moderated the staff screenings.

Nita Armendariz, a secretary in the dean's office in the College of Fine Arts, Communication and Media, said she would discuss her safety plans with her coworkers after viewing the video.

"When I go back to my office, I'll probably look at what I could use if I was ever in that situation," Armendariz said Oct. 30.

Students who attended the video screening on Monday generally seemed to appreciate the advice.

"I came because I don't know anything about what to do, and the video was really helpful," Maida Avdic said.

Ryan Schmitt, a graduate student in recreation administration, agreed with Avdic. He attended the training as part of the Campus Recreation Advisory Board's monthly meeting.

"I think it was very helpful," Schmitt said. "It's something a lot of people don't know about."

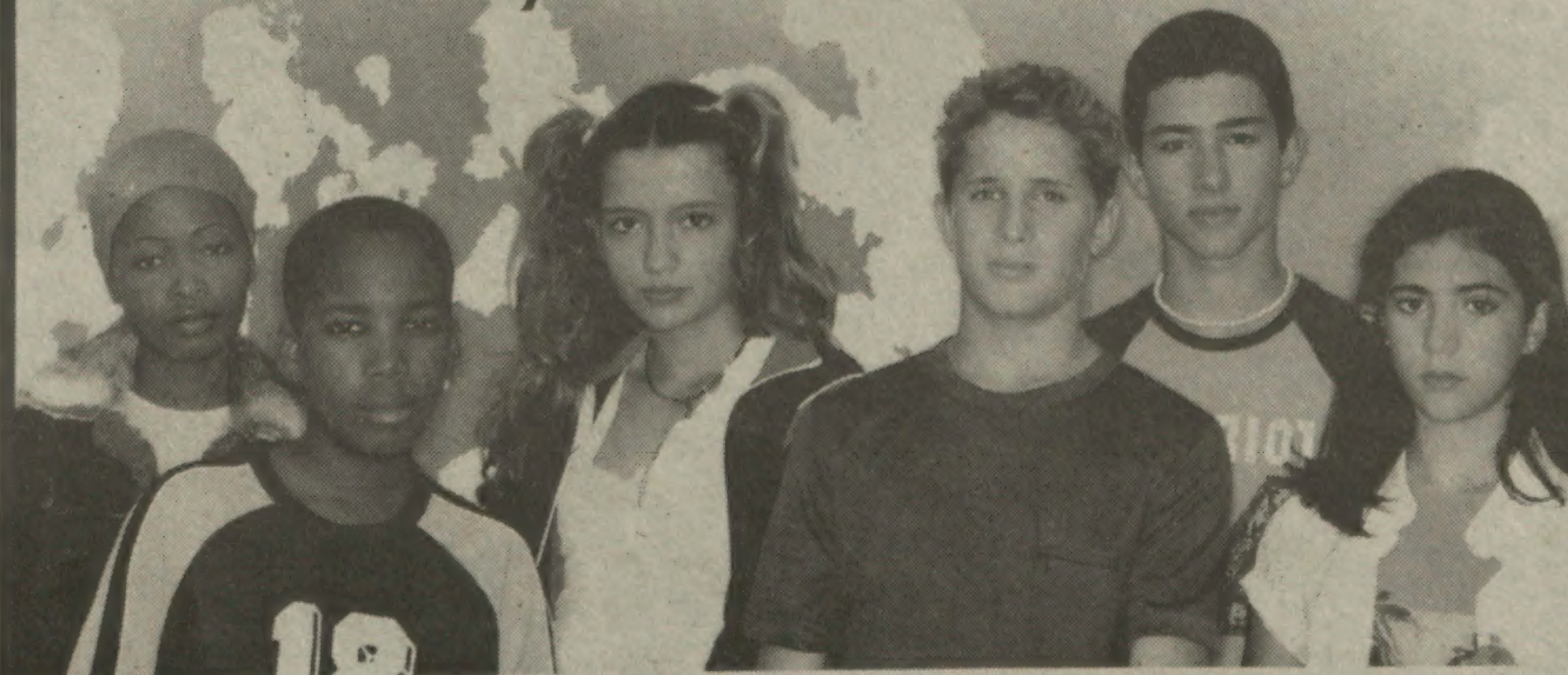
Robinson said the video would be made available on a Web site accessible with a UNO NetID. His goal is to have the Web site available by Thanksgiving.

Any organization wishing to view the video can also make an appointment with Robinson by calling (402) 554-2262.

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either candidate to win the election.

The race was closer with the popular vote, however, with 52 percent of voters favoring Obama to 46 percent favoring McCain. Third-party candidates – including Green candidate Cynthia McKinney, Libertarian candidate Bob Barr and independent candidate Ralph Nader – collected 1 percent of the popular vote.

The third-party candidates might have had a significant impact on the 2nd District, however, with both Nader and Barr earning more votes than the difference between McCain and Obama.

Nader received 1,184 votes in Douglas County, and Barr received 698 votes. McKinney received 213 votes in the county, while Nebraska Party candidate Chuck Baldwin received 412 votes. Another 708 voters chose to write-in a candidate for president.

The slim margin between Obama and McCain might trigger an automatic recount in the District, which is composed of Douglas County and a portion of traditionally conservative Sarpy County.

Under Nebraska law, a recount must be done if a candidate loses by less than 1 percent of the votes received by the winning candidate – that number stands at a margin of 1,263 votes as of Wednesday evening, more than twice the 569 votes separating Obama and McCain. The losing candidate can choose to waive his right to a recount.

If a recount is triggered, however, it wouldn't be conducted until after the State Canvass Board meets on Dec. 1 to certify the official results of the election. Phipps said such a recount would be done in early December and would be done, by law, in the exact same manner as the first count, which is by optical scanners at the election commission headquarters.

The purpose of a recount, Phipps said, is to make sure no ballot box was missed and to check that every vote was counted the first time. In his experience, Phipps said he has only seen a three or four vote change following a recount.

While tearing down the Obama campaign headquarters at 343 N. 76th St., Erin Fitzgerald, the campaign's Nebraska communications director, declined to comment on the close margin or the possibility of the recount.

In other local races, former Gov. Mike Johanns handily defeated Democratic challenger Scott Kleeb to replace Chuck Hagel in the Senate. Johanns received 58 percent of the vote statewide, while Kleeb managed only 40 percent. Nebraska Party candidate Kelly Renee Rosberg and Green Party candidate Steven Larrick each also received 1 percent.

Republican Lee Terry retained his seat in the House of Representatives, defeating challenger Jim Esch 132,505 votes to 119,917 votes. Terry joins Jeff Fortenberry and Adrian Smith, both of whom also retained their seats.

UNO theatre professor Doug Paterson won 5 percent of the vote for public service commissioner, losing to Democrat Anne Boyle, who received 61 percent. Paterson was running for the Green Party.

Jack Heidel, chairman of the mathematics department, also lost his bid for a seat on the Learning Community Coordinating Council. He received 12 percent of the vote in District 3, but fell to Lorraine Chang, who received 28 percent in the nine-candidate race.

Former Nebraska Sen. Ernie Chambers also secured a seat on the council, winning a six-candidate race for District 2 with an overwhelming 49 percent of the vote.

Andrew Northwall, a UNO student who took a semester off to work for the McCain campaign, received 17.2 percent of the vote for the Ralston Public Schools Board of Education. Linda Richards, however, received 30.7 percent of the vote to win the seat.

Nebraska voters rejected Amendment 1, which would have changed funding sources for economic development programs, while passing Initiative 424, which bans affirmative action in the state.

Although Initiative 424 received 58 percent voter approval, it still faces a legal challenge in Nebraska District Court that alleges petition gatherers committed fraud by misleading signers about the initiative.

A ruling from Judge Karen Flowers is expected soon. Regardless of the outcome, an appeal to the Nebraska Supreme Court is anticipated.

Voter turnout across the state was lower than expected by Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale. Gale had predicted 72 percent voter turnout, but only 68 percent showed up to the polls – roughly the same percent of registered voters who participated in the 2004 election.

Nebraska's record for voter turnout was 80.8 percent of registered voters in the 1968 election where Republican Richard Nixon defeated Democratic candidate Hubert Humphry and American Independent Party candidate George Wallace.

Douglas County voters showed up early to the polls on Tuesday or voted early, Phipps said. The polls closed on time and the machines ran smoothly.

## Journalism students take advantage of election for live blogging experience

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On election night, while some students watched the results on TV, a makeshift newsroom was created in Arts and Sciences Hall to cover the election live through blogging.

Many people associate blogging only with the younger generation. However, the online-only communication medium is gaining popularity as a way for viewers to read immediate news.

Faculty from the School of Communication seized the opportunity this election season to instruct students on the process of live coverage through blogging.

Karen Weber, who teaches public affairs reporting, was one of the faculty editors of the blog.

"We wanted to give the students real-world experience on such a historic night in reporting and editing," Weber said.

The student writers and editors

who composed the newsroom were drawn from Weber's classes along with those of department chairman Jeremy Lipschultz and instructor Kathy Tewhill.

Weber said she wanted her students to understand that the electronic format did not equate to a more relaxed attitude about news coverage.

"We are using the blog for format and structure," Weber said, "but the content we want to be like an online newspaper."

Starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Arts and Sciences room 112 functioned as a newsroom with reporters scrambling to deliver live coverage while editors strived to keep the reporting accurate and professional.

Computers useful in the classroom setting were being used as professional equipment to deliver news. Televisions were wheeled into the room to keep everyone updated on the results.

Elsa Cotto, a senior public

relations and advertising major, was one of the student editors for the live coverage. Cotto said the election has been exciting because of its focus on the youth vote. She said she was also excited about blogging.

"It's a cool new development," Cotto said. "It's nice to be able to post and it shows up immediately."

Patrick Favara, a senior journalism major, was another blog editor. He said he appreciated the high-pressure experience it gave him.

The blogging effort complemented reporting done by The Omaha News, a student news program run by the School of Communication, which offered live coverage of the election. Radio news students also delivered reports on KVNO Classical 90.7.

The contents of the blog are still available online at omahanewsprelection.blogspot.com, for those who want to catch up on what they missed.

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## Women's basketball opens with exhibition game against Creighton Jays

MICHELLE BISHOP  
PHOTO EDITOR

Five Creighton players scored in double figures as the Jays claimed a 93-68 exhibition win over UNO in front of 542 fans at the Civic Auditorium Tuesday night.

The Mavs were able to hang with Creighton for most of the first half, but ultimately turnovers and missed shots plagued UNO.

"I thought we started out with great intensity, but we just missed a ton of lay-ups early to get us in the game," coach Patty Patton Shearer said. "We had ample opportunity and we just couldn't put a lay-up away and I think that would have just given us the momentum."

At the midway mark of the first half, Creighton led just 24-19, but the Jays used a 10-0 run over the final 2:15 of the half to ride a 47-28 advantage into intermission.

Creighton, picked to finish second in the Missouri

Valley Conference preseason poll, led by 17 or more through the entire second half. The Jays' largest margin of the night came when they took a 29-point lead in the closing minutes.

"Their physicality and strength just buried us late in the second half; we kind of just quit for a while," Patton Shearer said. "We needed to compete that whole 20 minutes and we - for like four minutes - just didn't."

The Mavs shot 41.5 percent from the field while Creighton shot 50.7.

UNO was paced by 12 points each from juniors Alyssa Green and Jill Wolf, while freshman Heather Pohl added 10 points.

Wolf sunk six of seven field goal attempts while grabbing four rebounds. Green finished 5-19 from the field while collecting five rebounds and a team-high five assists.

Creighton junior Megan Neuvirth finished with 14 points, 14 rebounds, eight assists and five steals, nearly achieving a triple-double. Sophomore Kelsy Woodard led the Jays with 19 points and collected seven rebounds and five assists.

The Mavs were outrebounded 41-35 and committed 20 turnovers.

"We need to work on execution," Wolf said. "It's just the small things: making the easy pass, finishing the play."

With 11 days until their next game, the Mavs will have plenty of time to work on the weaknesses exposed by the Division I Jays.

UNO opens the regular season Nov. 17 with a 6 p.m. tip-off at Nebraska-Kearney.

**Bottom:** Heather Pohl goes around the block of Creighton's Kellie Nelson during Tuesday night's exhibition game at the Civic Auditorium. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

**Near Left:** Jill Wolf waits to put up the shot as Creighton's Kristina Voss defends during Tuesday night's game. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

**Far Left:** Cayla Hargrove battles Creighton's Kelsey Crites for a rebound during Tuesday night's game. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)



## Mavericks finish regular season on road against Washburn, still eye playoff spot

MICHELLE BISHOP  
PHOTO EDITOR

Even with a win in their final game, the Mavs could be left out of the Division II playoffs.

UNO (6-3, 5-3 MIAA) hits the road to face Washburn University (6-4, 4-4 MIAA) Saturday at 1 p.m. in Topeka, Kan.

The teams have not met since Sept. 29, 1973, when UNO won 13-7 in Topeka. The Mavs lead the all-time series 14-13-1.

The Ichabods are coming off a 48-17 loss to No. 12 Pittsburg State last weekend, while the Mavs are riding a two game winning streak after beating Fort Hays State 27-14.

Despite winning last weekend, the Mavs dropped from sixth to seventh in this week's Division II Super Regional Four rankings. The top six teams from all four regions qualify for the playoffs.

No. 19 Tarleton State (8-2) beat a 3-7 Angelo State team 31-24 and jumped from ninth to sixth in the regional rankings. But Tarleton faces No. 9 West Texas A&M (9-1), ranked fourth in the region, to close out the regular season.

A variety of factors could come into play when the regional ranking committee teleconferences Saturday



Brian McNeill fights his way through the Fort Hays defense during last Saturday's 27-14 win. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

night to decide who's in and who's out.

Strength of schedule could weigh heavily even if Tarleton loses and UNO wins.

Tarleton's two losses have come to Texas A&M-Kingsville (6-4) and No. 2 Abilene Christian (9-0). UNO's losses were against No. 3 Northwest Missouri State (9-1),

No. 10 Pittsburg State (9-1) and Truman State (4-5). A Tarleton win would move them to 9-2 and probably knock UNO out of the playoffs.

Also taken into consideration are win-loss records, including records against teams above and below .500. UNO has two victories over teams with winning records, Central Missouri (6-4) and Nebraska-Kearney (6-4). Tarleton, which only plays teams from the Lone Star Conference, also has two wins over teams with winning records, Central Oklahoma (6-4) and Midwestern State (6-3).

The playoff pairings will be released Sunday at 2 p.m. on ESPNNews.

If UNO doesn't make the playoffs, it could still qualify for the Mineral Water Bowl and face a Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference team

also left out of the playoffs.

"It's huge, all of us want to continue to keep playing. Obviously for us seniors it's our last go-around," said linebacker Jacob Chandler after Saturday's win. "But Washburn is our main focus. We're going to go 100 miles per hour at that and go from there."





**Left:** Kathleen Pallesen from Omaha holds up an "Obamaha" T-shirt during the Democratic election party held at the Omaha Hilton Tuesday night.

**Bottom Left:** Peggy Union McCall (left) and Peg O'Dea Lippert, a UNO alumna, celebrate during the Democratic election party held at the Omaha Hilton. The two met while working for the campaign.

**Bottom Middle:** Creighton students Josh Kelley (left) and Sam Huppert celebrate as Sen. Barack Obama was announced as the next president of the United States.

**Bottom Right:** Mathia Sanders of Omaha is overcome with emotion at the Omaha Hilton after hearing of Obama's victory over Republican nominee John McCain.

**Right:** Richard Arellano from south Omaha shows his support for Obama.

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# Mavs sweep Bearcats on road, return to Omaha for final home games

MICHELLE BISHOP  
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UNO continued its dominance over Northwest Missouri State Wednesday night by sweeping the Bearcats 3-0 (25-20, 25-15, 25-17) in front of 214 fans at Bearcat Arena in Maryville, Mo.

The win improved the Mavs' record to 15-13 overall and 11-6 in the MIAA and gave them a season sweep over Northwest. UNO took the first meeting of the season 3-0 (25-19, 25-20, 25-18) at home on Oct. 8.

The teams battled back and forth during the first set. With the score

locked at 20-20, UNO fired off five straight points for a 25-20 win. In the second set, UNO jumped out to a 14-4 lead and cruised to a 25-15 win. The Mavs never trailed in the third set and finished with a 7-1 run to take the third set 25-17.

The junior trio of Kelli Goeser, Sara Kampschnieder and Ellen Thommes led the UNO attack.

Thommes picked up a career-high 11 blocks leading UNO to a commanding 12-4 edge in total team blocks.

Goeser picked up 10 kills and hit .350 in the match while adding five digs and three blocks. Kampschnieder

also notched 10 kills while adding a pair of service aces along with three blocks.

Redshirt freshman Brittany Hanssen finished with a team-high .438 attack percentage while chipping in nine kills, four digs and three blocks.

Freshman Emily Myers picked up her team-leading 10th double-double of the season with 31 assists and 10 digs while helping UNO to an .311 hitting percentage.

Junior Kayla Jansen led the UNO defense with a match-high 15 digs as the Mavs kept Northwest (9-21, 6-11 MIAA) to a .122 attack percentage

for the match.

Jansen picked up MIAA Specialist of the Week honors for her performance during UNO's key victories over then No. 7 Washburn and Fort Hays State last week.

In the win over Washburn, Jansen had a season-high 33 digs while committing no errors on 13 serves and 19 reception attempts.

UNO returns to the Sapp Fieldhouse this weekend for the final home series of the season. The Mavs take on Missouri Western (4-28, 1-15 MIAA) at 7 p.m. Friday and No. 10 Truman State (25-7, 12-4 MIAA) Saturday at 5 p.m.

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cannot be reasonably denied by anyone.

"It's a big deal; it's kind of a validation not just for Barack Obama but for black folk," said Terrie Jackson-Miller, a black studies instructor at UNO.

The campaign included some moments where racial tension was elevated, especially during the Rev. Jeremiah Wright controversy.

Jackson-Miller said ignorance was partly to blame because "white people did not know anything about black culture as it pertains to the church."

The country's white population will have to go through an educational experience with regard to black culture, because they cannot ignore it any longer, she said.

"This will open the door for better understanding of cultures," Jackson-Miller said. "This is a global society. His presence, to the rest of the world, will signal a new way to look at the United States."

Obama won, in part, because he energized the youth vote, especially college students, to turn out in significant numbers.

"Obama reached voters who hadn't been reached before," Clark said.

Several UNO students showed their support for Obama.

"I'm happy that Obama won; I really do feel like McCain was too much like Bush," Brandon Davis said. "Obama really knows how to motivate people - how to get a bigger part of the population involved."

Even with a large margin of victory in the Electoral College, the popular vote was much closer. Almost half the country wanted McCain for president.

"I'm glad that we took the House, the Senate and the presidency last night; but at the same time, I do think there needs to be a balance," Clark said.

Beckwith said he thinks a major reason McCain lost was because the "Republican party got away from their core principles." After every election, the losing party usually goes back to the basics and tries to build up the war chest for the next election, he said.

Clark gave another potential reason for the demise of the McCain campaign: the vice-presidential nomination of Alaska Gov. Sara Palin.

"Palin was a gift to the Democrats," Clark said.

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# Joslyn to feature paintings from revered Mexican artist

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In the U.S., painter Diego Rivera may be remembered more for his stormy marriage to fellow artist Frida Kahlo than for his work, but he's revered as one of Mexico's most celebrated modern artists.

The Joslyn Art Museum will feature a collection of his artwork on display now through Jan. 18.

"Diego Rivera: Masterworks from the Museo de Arte del Estado de Veracruz" opened Oct. 25. The exhibit features several diverse pieces that are on loan from the Art Museum of the State of Veracruz in Orizaba, Mexico.

The Joslyn will have several workshops that showcase his accomplishments in life and in art.

Rivera started studying art when he was 10 years old in Guanajuato, Mexico. In 1907, the governor of Veracruz was so impressed by him that he paid for Rivera to study the masters in Europe. There, the young artist met Pablo Picasso, with whom he was often compared.

"He actually lived between Modigliani and Picasso when he was in Paris," said Anne El-Omami, curator of the Rivera exhibit.

Through the 1910s, Rivera experimented with Impressionism, Pointillism, Post-Impressionism and Cubism, though he did not develop his own style until he studied the great Italian frescoes of the Middle Ages.

After learning of the Mexican Revolution, Rivera and his friends David Alfaro Siqueiros and Jose Clemente Orozco founded the Mexican Muralist movement, with the aim of portraying scenes from Mexican history and depicting the lives of indigenous people and poor laborers.

"Rivera found that large murals in public squares could spread the message of revolution to

Mexican peasants just as stained-glass windows, tapestries and frescoes in the Middle Ages could spread the message of Catholicism to those who couldn't read," El-Omani said.

Despite his successes, however, some feel that Rivera's political views overshadowed his artwork.

"He was very condemned in the 1930s and 1940s in the

United States, because he was a socialist," says Joanne Sowell, Professor of Art History at UNO.

One of the more infamous cases of his rebelliousness happened when Rivera was commissioned to paint a mural inside the RCA building at Rockefeller Center. Rivera began "Man at the Crossroads" in 1933, incorporating an image of the Russian Communist leader Vladimir Lenin.

This offended Nelson Rockefeller, who insisted Rivera remove Lenin from the mural.

When he refused, Rockefeller canceled the work and had it chipped away the following year. Determined not to be undermined, Rivera recreated this piece at El Palacio de Bellas Artes in Mexico City. He called it "Man, Controller of the Universe," in which he included an image of both Lenin and Leon Trotsky, a Communist theorist who was a friend of Rivera and his then-wife, Frida Kahlo.

Rivera's death in 1957 left a scar on mainstream art, but his work has become increasingly valuable to museums all over the world.

Last year, Joslyn traded 30 19th-century European paintings for 36 of Rivera's paintings and sketches, an act that began a cultural exchange between Omaha and Xalapa, Mexico, that will last several years.

This collection of paintings, known as "The Diegos," has never left Mexico together until now.

Occupying six of Joslyn's walls, the works are arranged thematically and chronologically. They span Rivera's entire career.

"It's very exciting to have his work here [in Omaha]," senior Kara Wentworth said. Wentworth is an art major and works as an assistant at the UNO Art Gallery. "It's amazing for Omaha to bring in an internationally-renowned artist."

Wentworth's coworker and fellow UNO art major Megan Drakeford agrees.

"It's great to be able to see Diego Rivera here in Omaha," Drakeford said. "Normally you'd have to leave the country to view his work."

Guided tours for the Rivera exhibit are available for free with the price of admission. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for



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senior citizens and college students with a valid student I.D., \$4 for children ages 5 to 17 and free for children younger than 4. Admission is free Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon.

## Saturday, Nov. 8

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Joslyn will host a free event featuring a complimentary trolley ride to El Museo Latino to view the exhibition "Frida Kahlo: Letters and Photographs."

## Sunday, Nov. 9

The workshop "The Art of True Fresco" takes place from noon to 4 p.m. with special guest Margaret Hennessey-Springe, an independent artist and art historian.

## Tuesday, Nov. 11

Beginning at El Museo Latino at 6 pm and continuing at the Joslyn at 7 p.m., El Museo Latino presents "Diego Rivera & Frida Kahlo" with special guests Magdalena Garcia, executive director and founder of El Museo Latino, and Anne El-Omami, exhibition curator and deputy director for Museum Collections & Programs at Joslyn Art Museum

## Sunday, Nov. 23

Independent art historian, author and curator Sharyn Udall will conduct a lecture on "Art, Life, and Love of Diego Rivera" at 2 p.m.

## Tuesday, Dec. 9

At 6 p.m., Bellevue University's art professor and gallery director Michael Girón will present the lecture "The Mexican Muralist Movement."

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# 'FALLOUT 3' COULD RUIN YOUR LIFE, BUT IS FUN GAMING EXPERIENCE

**REVIEW BY**  
**MIKE BELL**  
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"War. War never changes." The voice of Ron Perlman from "Hellboy" re-introduces gamers to the "Fallout" universe with the release of "Fallout 3."

The action-packed role-playing game came out Oct. 24, only 10 years after its last installment. It's available for PC, PS3 and Xbox 360.

The game takes place 200 years in the future, after the world was nuked into oblivion at the height of the Cold War. A few survivors in bomb shelters cling to what's left of civilization. You, the player, are one such survivor.

The game begins with your birth. You choose your gender, name and physical appearance. You can edit every aspect of your face, skin tone, hair color, eye color, hairstyle and facial hair.

Flash forward one year to your first birthday. You walk around, hearing the patter of your bare feet against the floor as you chase your father. Liam Neeson from "Batman Begins" provides the voice of the father.

The screen fades to your 10th birthday. You get a pellet gun and a Pip-Boy 3000, a mini computer module that clasps to your wrist that you use to keep track of your quests and inventory.

Years later, you set foot outside the vault. The sun sears your eyes as they adjust to harsh light for the first time. The city that was once Washington, D.C., is now a dry husk. A landscape filled with mutated monsters, raiders and crazed bands of scavengers looking to press you into service.

The world is laid out with several real places

to explore, such as the Jefferson Memorial, the Pentagon and even the White House, which is now a crater. You can travel in the subway system, but it is crowded with derailed trains and ghouls.

The moral choices players make impact characters and the world. For example, Megaton is a shanty village built around an undetonated atom bomb. The player is faced with a choice: disarm the bomb and keep the village safe, or remotely detonate the bomb, slaughter the town and collect a reward as a mushroom cloud appears over the horizon.

You can defend yourself with an array of weapons. Pistols and rifles are abundant and easy to use, but energy guns can vaporize foes into piles of ash, which is really cool to watch.

Another interesting feature is the ability to find schematics for certain special weapons. By finding a leaf blower, vacuum

cleaner, fire hose nozzle and an electric conductor, you can create the "Rock-it Launcher," a handheld catapult that can hurl any item in your inventory at dangerous velocities into your foe. You can watch in slow motion as you decapitate a twisted crab monster with a fast moving teddy bear.

Through your Pip-Boy 3000, you can pause mid-combat and individually target your opponent's legs, arms or head. This leads to incredibly gory scenes as you blast apart giant scorpions.

The most satisfying moment with this system is shooting a grenade in your enemy's hand before he hurls it at you. This usually ends the fight.

With all the excitement "Fallout 3" brings, it has its flaws. Confusing camera angles are frustrating during gun fights. Character animations, while better than Bethesda's last game, "Oblivion," are still not very fluid and stocky.

The biggest problem by far is "Fallout 3" being too fun. I couldn't stop playing. I flunked several exams. My girlfriend broke up with me. My roommates are wondering if I'm still alive in my room.

All kidding aside, "Fallout 3" is by far one of the best games to come out this year. While some have complained that the main storyline leaves something to be desired, the most enjoyment comes from simply wandering around the area, finding unique places and people, then blowing them apart.

It takes an estimated 15 hours to complete the main quest, but over 500 hours to see and do everything in the game. It's definitely worth \$60.



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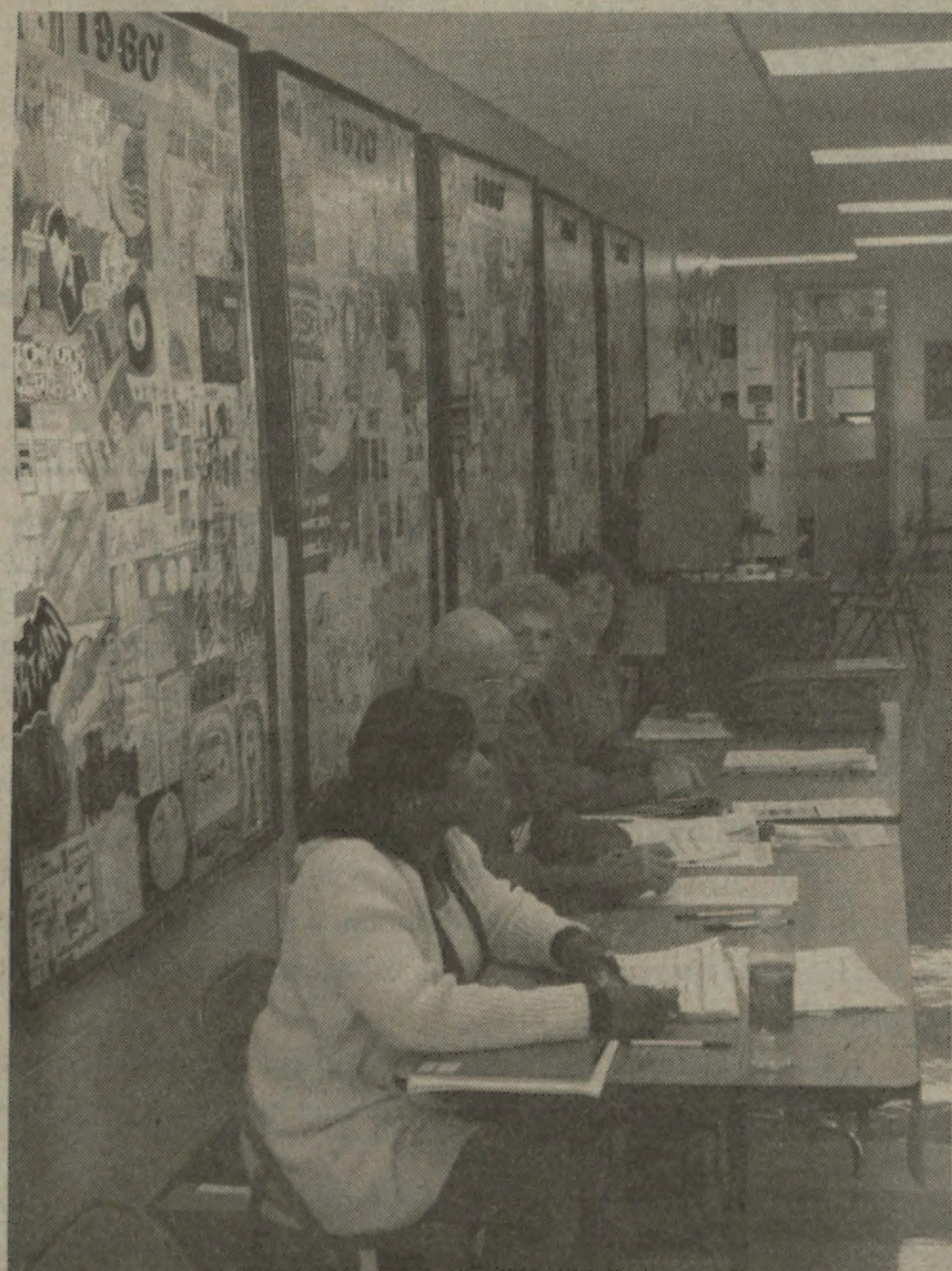


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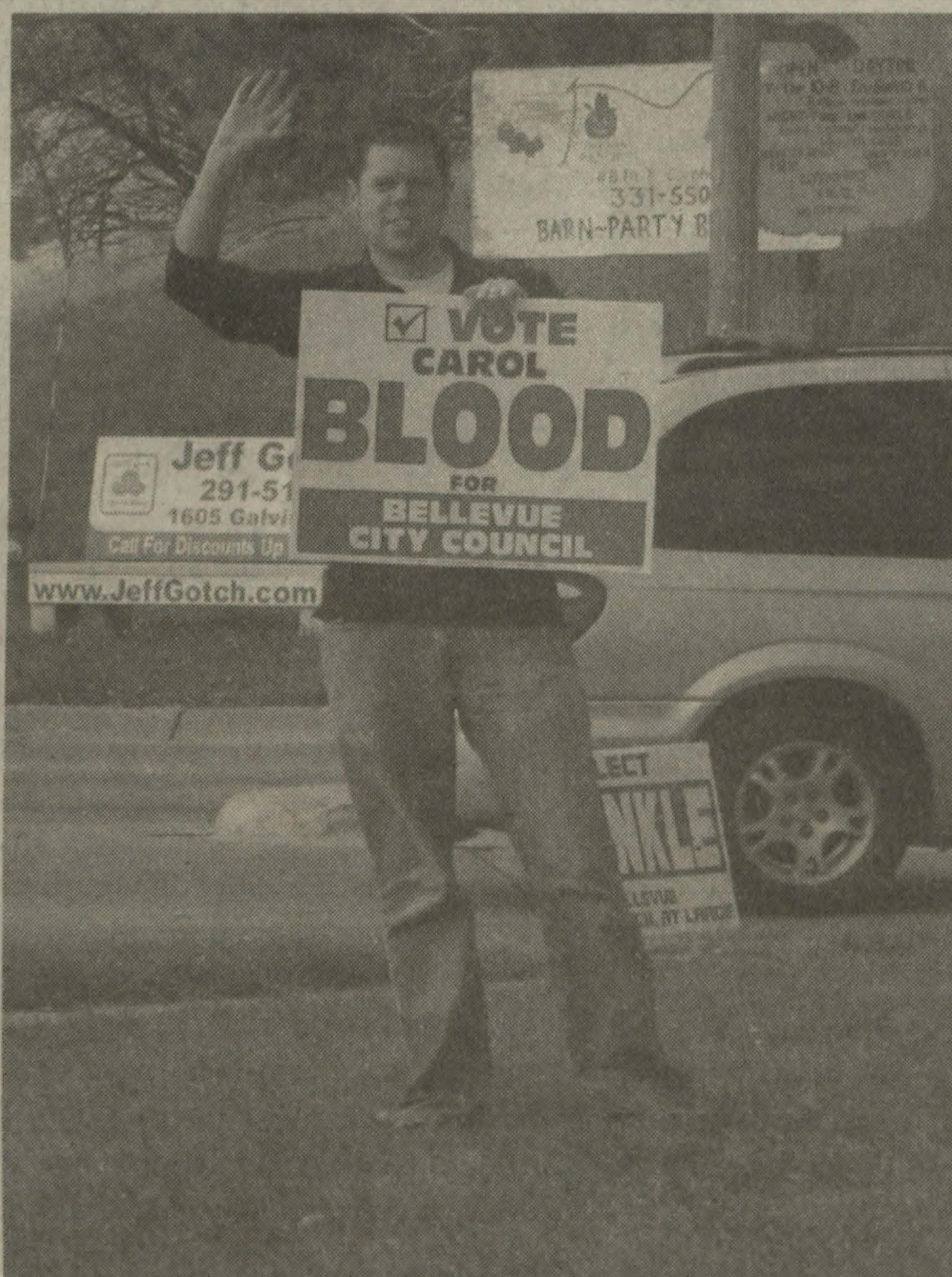
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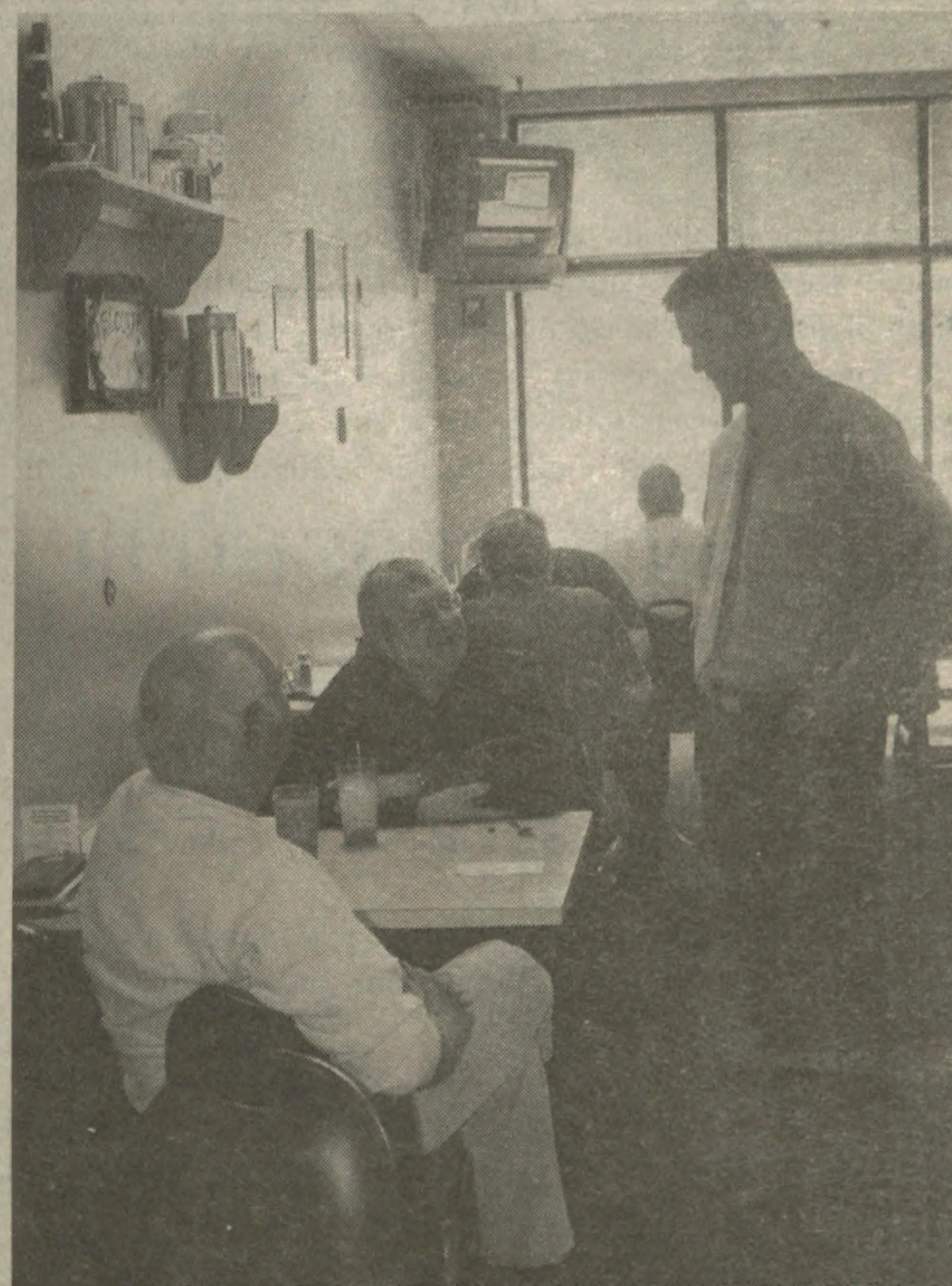
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Poll workers await voters at Betz Elementary School, 605 W. 27 Ave., one of the polling places in Bellevue, Neb. The workers said many residents voted in the morning, leaving the polls relatively empty on Tuesday afternoon. (SCOTT STEWART/THE GATEWAY)



Eric Manley, 26, holds a sign at the intersection of 25th Street and Cornhusker Highway in Bellevue, Neb., Tuesday afternoon encouraging voters to cast their ballots for his mother-in-law, Carol Blood, a candidate for the Bellevue City Council. (SCOTT STEWART/THE GATEWAY)



Democratic Senate candidate Scott Kleeb, right, talks with Fred Simson, center, and Lloyd Hasche, left, at Vidlak's Restaurant, 3512 Samson Way, on Tuesday afternoon. Simson, 50, said he supported Kleeb's opponent, Republican Mike Johanns. Hasche, 64, said he voted for Kleeb. (SCOTT STEWART/THE GATEWAY)

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